

**Compilation of Email and Written Comments**  
**Received by Facilitation Team (May 12, 2005- May 18, 2005)**

If there is anything I can say about vacation rentals destroying the housing market of the island, I would love to comment. I am a vacation rental owner in New Hampshire - but can see its harsh impact here on Kauai. Please do everything you can to force the vacation rental market to be limited to hotels & legal bed and breakfasts. The island desperately needs these homes back for SFR.

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Too many illegal vacation rentals on Kauai and not enough Houses for the local people. This needs to stop! Vacation rentals are what keeps pushing rents higher and higher-unaffordable for island working people.

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Compilation of the Cons of Vacation Rentals from Various Kauai Residents:

- Overdensification of dwellings
- No infrastructure for emergency situations (tsunami/floods)
- Destruction of residential community
- Destruction of rural lifestyle
- Destruction of Historical and cultural preservation
- Long term renters forced out as their homes are turned into vacation rentals
- Houses are divided creating multiple units in individual houses, basically small hotels
- Families cannot compete with tourist market
- Island residents are unable to buy homes
- Commercialization of neighborhoods
- Tourists uneducated in the case of emergencies
- Visitors are not always sensitive to the culture or land or water
- No lifeguards at the advertised "private beaches"
- Lacking of sufficient cesspool/sewage infrastructure
- Hanalei Bay slowly turning into a toilet bowl
- Advertisements privatize out public beaches
- Blocking of local beach access ways
- Tourist living in our community and the locals unable to create animosity towards the tourist
- Aloha Spirit is drowned out by too many who don't have it
- TVR put tourist in the neighborhoods instead of the VDA's
- No onsite amenities for tourists
- Lack of respect where respect is normal
- Takes away from local restaurants tourists stay at home and cook rather than eat out
- Loss of community and family style
- Leading to a path of social disfunction and negativity towards visitors
- Seriously depressing!
- Dwindling enrollment at Hanalei school = loss of jobs for local people
- Impacts our natural resources
- Commercialization of residential zoned lands

- Conflicts/locals vs. tourists
- Loss of respect for local culture
- Road and bridge issues
- Safety and dangers awareness for visitors not available
- Maximization of property for financial means, leaving no open space
- Loss of simple life, beauty!
- Ethical issues
- Loss of real conservation on Conservation Zoned lands
- Loss of real residents on Residentially Zoned lands
- Agriculture loss with more lucrative vacation rentals not producing but reducing what is available
- Hurts hotel industry
- Tourist overtaking kamaaina areas!
- Flood zone requirements ignored with bottom floor enclosures being vacation rental suites
- Un-accounted density in case of evacuation
- No enforcement of state on conservation lands
- No enforcement at all is a huge problem!
- SMA Special permitting should be required for commercial use
- Homeless residents
- Displaced residents to make room for more tourists
- Health and welfare of our community is in danger
- Happiness of the community is being compromised for money
- We can be maids and garners in our neighborhoods but we cannot live there anymore!
- Money cannot be more valued than community well being!

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Regarding the vacation rentals in non designated areas, it is my opinion that these should be banned. The quality of beauty and community are being affected by usurping the long term or owner occupied houses for short term , high gain vacation rentals from Hanalei to Haieana, including Wainiha and Annini These are becoming shell communities, vacant of citizens who live and care about their home town and this island, replaced by those who line their pockets for a quick turn around profit. Certainly they are not having their short term renters participate in community life and or decisions affecting the locals ,long term constant residents.

Many off islanders are buying up the homes in these areas as commodities sustaining their mortgages with the high vacation rental rates eliminating long term rentals that until then had sustained the working service employee citizens of the area. The new owners, having bought at exorbitant prices , couldn't own these properties without the vacation rent and truly their intent, in all likelihood , is not to become fulltime participating citizens ,but rather to wait a couple of years and then turn a quick big profit.

I liken this to the imperialism of the English industrialists who invested in the elemental resources of Africa , taking advantage of the poverty and lower education of the indigenous inhabitants , the original owners of the property. Plus, using the

corruption of the puppet leaders they helped to install , these investor imperialists who exploited the people, eventually owned the resources and the mines then put the original citizens to work in these mines at slave wages in horrifying conditions..

Exploiting a land's most precious asset at the expense of the long time citizens Is a form of IMPERIALISM ,the English and MORE RECENTLY THE U.S. are known for this kind of legal robbery. The World Bank is notorious for its creative interest rates that eventually bankrupt the countries again and further the exploitation for the first world countries .

Well , the most precious asset here in Kauai is its BEAUTY , it's Hawaiian culture and Inhabitants. Take these away or exploit them to the max and all you'll have left is an over developed generic island with no special character of its own. That is where we are heading , especially if we allow the developers and real estate businesses set the policies for our BEAUTIFUL and SACRED KAUAI They have a vested interest in promoting this kind of exploitation because they PROFIT BIG TIME!!! , while the rest of the community feels itself being squeezed out. Squeezed out of their homes and small businesses because of the push for high prices in this fast turner over market, developed with a uniformity of typical white middle class taste levels that makes everything look like a manicured golf club, deleting any authentic human diversity of culture or taste , contrary to anything Hawaiian.

Not to mention , that the original inhabitants are being forced economically off their family lands , having to move sometimes one to two hours away from their lower paying service jobs., working for the very people who have exploited them.. The whole thing is a disgusting display of greed and payoff. The rich have the clout to get their way . Most of these people say," how can you complain ?" "aren't we bringing wealth to this island?" and my response is AT WHAT COST!!!!!!

Connecting this back to the original question of vacation rentals in non designated areas. These problems are systemic and until we address all of these issues as one integrated challenge , we are putting BAND AIDS O N CANCER There is a big connection between vacant or non permanent residency and the quality of community life and the ability of those who are permanent citizens to affect the course and decisions being made . The clout goes to those short term profiteers because they have shelled the communities of a voting concerned public. THINK ABOUT IT . WHAT IS YOUR ROLL IN THIS TRAGEDY ABOUT TO HAPPEN.

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